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**Letter dated 19 February 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit to you the text of the section of the Final Communiqué adopted at the twenty-second session of the Supreme Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council, held in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, on 30 and 31 December 2001, under the chairmanship of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, Sultan of Oman, relating to the occupation by the Islamic Republic of Iran of the three islands of the United Arab Emirates, the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa.

I request that this letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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## Annex to the letter dated 19 February 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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The Supreme Council discussed the issue of the occupation by Iran of the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa, three islands belonging to the United Arab Emirates, recalling and reaffirming the decisions it had taken at its twenty-first session.

Having considered the recent contacts between the United Arab Emirates and the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Supreme Council affirmed the full sovereignty of the United Arab Emirates over its three islands, the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa, and over their territorial waters, their airspace and the related continental shelf and exclusive economic zone, as integral parts of the country.

In accordance with the principle of the collective security of the GCC countries, the Council voiced its support for all the steps being taken by the United Arab Emirates to restore its sovereignty over all three islands by peaceful means. It affirmed its unconditional rejection of all the claims made and measures taken by Iran with respect to the three islands on the grounds that they are null and void, have no legal effect and do not derogate from the established rights of the United Arab Emirates with regard to its three islands.

The Council renewed its call to the Islamic Republic of Iran to agree to refer the dispute to the International Court of Justice.

Following a comprehensive assessment, the Supreme Council instructed the Ministerial Council to continue to examine all peaceful measures that might be conducive to the restoration of the legitimate rights of the United Arab Emirates with respect to its three islands.